



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

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SUBJECT: Electronic Cigarette Use, GC Policy Memo 11-07

1. **Reference.**

a. AR 600-63, Army Health Promotion, 7 May 2007 (Rapid Action Revision, 7 September 2010).

b. 21 U.S.C. § 321 (rr) (1).

c. 18 U.S.C. § 13 (Assimilative Crimes Act).

2. **Purpose.** To provide policy guidance regarding the usage of electronic cigarettes.

3. **Applicability.** This policy applies to all military and civilian personnel, including appropriated and non-appropriated fund employees, as well as family members, visitors, volunteers, or contractors in Fort Sill facilities.

4. **Policy.**

a. This memorandum is to alert all military and civilian personnel on Fort Sill about the safety concerns regarding a new type of tobacco product. Electronic cigarettes, also known as "e-cigs," are battery-operated devices that look like conventional cigarettes. The e-cig contains a cartridge filled with nicotine, which is delivered to the user as a vapor. Water vapor is emitted from the end of the device to mimic the appearance of smoke. Advertisements claim electronic cigarettes is a healthier way of smoking. There are no health warnings on these products similar to those seen on convention cigarette packages.

b. Manufacturers offer cartridges with decreasing levels of nicotine with the idea that they can be used to help someone quit smoking. No studies have been done to demonstrate the safety or effectiveness of these products as tobacco cessation aids and they are not approved by the Food and Drug Administration as a drug delivery device. Commanders and directors also need to be aware that the cartridges used in these devices are replaceable and could be used to discreetly deliver substances other than nicotine.

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c. Due to the nature, appearance, and safety concerns of electronic cigarettes, they are considered to be in the same category of tobacco products whose use is governed by AR 600-63, Army Health Promotion, Chapter 7, Environmental Health.

d. Smokers wishing to participate in smoking cessation programs sponsored by Reynolds Army Community Hospital may do so by using their sick or annual leave. Managers and supervisors will continue to encourage and support employee participation in such programs.

e. This memorandum does not cancel or supersede other instructions wherein tobacco use is controlled because of fire, explosive, or other safety considerations.

f. **Punitive Effect.** Violation of this policy by military personnel is punishable as an offense under Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Violation by any other person may subject the violator to adverse administrative action, debarment from the installation, and /or prosecution under reference "c" above.

5. Proponent. The Director of Human Resources is the proponent of this policy. Point of contact is Army Substance Abuse Program Division, at (580) 442-4205/2691.



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